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SUBJECT: ST. VINCENT REQUEST FOR ALL MARINE RESEARCH VESSEL
SCIENCE CRUISES

REF: ST. VINCENT DIPLOMATIC NOTE NO. 35/2006

¶1. This is an action message for the Bureau of Oceans and International Environment and Science Affairs (OES), Marine Research Vessels (MRVs), Office of Oceans Affairs. See paragraph four.

¶2. Embassy Bridgetown received the following diplomatic note, No. 35/2006, from the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG).

Begin text:

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Commerce and Trade of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America in Barbados and has the honour to refer to Science Cruise reports submitted by various US vessels through your Embassy.

In this connection, the Ministry further wishes to inform that the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries has requested through this Ministry, that the following information be brought to the attention of the relevant Cruise Directors.

The Fisheries Division will continue to support the continuation of the Cruise, however, the reports including results from samples taken at the various stations along the cruise track within the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, should be provided prior to the publication of the final report.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Commerce and Trade of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America in Barbados, the assurances of its highest consideration.

25th January 2006

End text.

¶3. Post believes that the SVG Fisheries Division will only continue to grant permission for marine research vessel science cruises if its request for information prior to the publication of an MRVs final report is met for all cruises, current and future.

¶4. Post awaits OES's recommendation before responding to St. Vincent's diplomatic note. Post will e-mail a scanned copy of the diplomatic note to Elizabeth Tirpak and Roberta Barnes, OES/Office of Oceans Affairs.
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